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SUBJ: KOREANS IN KHORRAMSHAHR

1. THERE IS A SMALL (SEVERAL HUNDRED) COMMUNITY OF KOREANS CENTERED AT THE IRANIAN PORT OF KHORRAMSHAHR. THEY ARE EMPLOYED EITHER BY IRAN TERMINAL SERVICES (A PRIVATE COMPANY WHICH OPERATES THE PORT ON CONTRACT TO THE PORT AUTHORITY), OR BY A KOREAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (SHIN WON) WHICH IS BUILDING FOUR NEW BERTHS IN KHORRAMSHAHR. PORT OFFICIALS MAINTAIN THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE KOREANS AND THE LOCAL POPULATION. INDEED, THEY SAY MANY OF THE KOREANS HAVE LEARNED FARSI AND HAVE MADE FRIENDS AMONG THEIR IRANIAN CO-WOKERS. (DURING A RECENT VISIT TO THE KHORRAMSHAHR-ABADAN AREA, I DID SEE SEVERAL KOREANS DRINK-

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ING WITH IRANIANS AT THE AIRPORT BAR.)

2. BOTH GROUPS OF KOREANS WEAR BRIGHTLY COLORED OVERALLS (GREEN FOR SHIN WON PERSONNEL ANFORANGE FOR IRAN TERMINAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES) WHILE ON THE JOB, WHICH, ALONG WITH THEIR PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES, TENDS TO ACCENTUATE THEIR PRESENCE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE DOCKS. DURING OFF-DUTY HOURS, HOWEVER, THEY PREFER THE SPORT SHIRTS AND SLACKS FAVORED BY MOST OF THE MALE POPULATION OF KHORRAMSHAHR. THUS, AFTER HOURS (WHILE OBVIOUSLY NOT IRANIAN), THEY ARE NO MORE NOTICIBLE THAN THE MANY OTHER NATIONALITIES WHICH FREQUENT THE CITY.

3. WHILE THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF KOREANS IN KHORRAMSHAHR PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE ABSENCE OF ANY ANXIETY ABOUT THEM ON THE PART OF THE IRANIANS, THE COMMENT OF A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF IRAN TERMINAL SERVICES SUGGESTS A POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT EXISTS SHOULD THEY BE BROUGHT IN IN SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER NUMBERS. AT THE MOMENT, THE KOREANS ARE EMPLOYED ONLY IN CERTAIN SEMI-SKILLED POSITIONS (EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, TRUCK DRIVERS, ETC.), WHILE IRANIANS PERFORM ALL THE UNSKILLED TASKS, INCLUDING THE STEVEDORING. THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTIVITY OF THE LATTER GROUP LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED. ACCORDING TO THE IRAN TERMINAL SERVICES OFFICIAL, HIS COMPANY WOULD BE MONEY AHEAD TO PAY THE IRANIAN STEVEDORS TO STAY HOME, AND USE KOREANS TO UNLOAD THE SHIPS AS WELL AS MOVE THE CARGO AROUND THE PORT AREA. HE QUICKLY ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD CREATE SERIOUS "SOCIAL" DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE IRANIAN COMMUNITY.

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